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## REDS PUSH HARD TOWARD SEOUL Great Battle Raging

Tokyo, Apr. 26.

Allied counter-blows jolted the Red offensive to a standstill in central Korea yesterday, but a mighty push on Seoul rolled the Western front back 10 miles from the 38th Parallel.

The greatest and perhaps decisive battle of the Korean war raged on a straight United Nations line across the western front 18 miles above Seoul.

An Eighth Army communiqué said that Communist reinforcements were pouring across their Imjin river beachhead

and that the UN forces defending the invasion route to Seoul were under "heavy enemy pressure."

Lieut. Gen. James Van Fleet, Commander of the Eighth Army, said in an order of the day to his men that they had proved their superiority in the first three days of the offensive, and he and the Allied Supreme Commander "have complete confidence in your ultimate victory."

American and Allied troops broke along the shortened line and fought shoulder to shoulder with the battle-hardened soldiers making a stone-wall stand west of Chunchon where they halted a Red breakthrough. Tank-led Allied forces slashed at the shoulder of the Communist bulge northwest of Chunchon and blunted a powerful thrust toward that key base of the central front.

At the southwest corner of the Imjin reservoir above Chunchon, hard-pressed Allies battled fiercely against the vanguard of a huge enemy force striking south of that sector.

**PLANES FIELD DAY**  
United Nations aircraft had another "field day" on Wednesday when more than 2,500 planes were in the air over the Korean peninsula, pouring over mountains and down valleys into South Korea and Air Force planes in day-long strikes across the front.

A communiqué from the Air Force Headquarters this morning said that the constant hammering from the air was "decimating" the attackers. In more than 1,000 low-level bombing and strafing attacks, the Air Force alone claimed 1,600 enemy casualties, while Navy aircraft operating from carriers off the coast said that their estimate of a thousand was based on reports from less than 50 percent of the sorties flown.—United Press.

## Mystery Of Missing Briton

London, Apr. 25.  
Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. R. Sorensen, asked in the House of Commons on Wednesday what action the Government has taken to investigate reports that a Briton employed by the Emperor of Ethiopia had been captured by nomad tribesmen in Somaliland.

The Briton, Eric Crane, was charged with the task of securing an air pre-flight to the Ethiopian Emperor. A plane in which he was flying disappeared on March 20, and Crane's wife was informed on April 11 that he was presumed dead.

Minister of State Kenneth Younger said in a written reply that the Government of the Somaliland protectorate had begun a search as soon as the plane had been reported missing. He said the search produced nothing and no evidence had been obtained to support the report Mr. Crane was being held captive.

He said the report might have been inspired by the offer of a reward for the discovery of the missing plane. The report was contained in a letter written by two Somalis who had not yet been traced, to a merchant of Dire Dawa.

Mr. Younger added that Mrs. Crane was informed her husband was presumed dead after the High Court of Ethiopia had decided the occupants of the plane were presumed dead.—Associated Press.

## Train Tragedy: Death Toll Now 103

Yokohama, Apr. 25.  
The death toll in the blazing electric train disaster here yesterday has now reached 103, it was officially announced today.

Seven of the dead were American soldiers. The two front coaches of the train caught fire, trapping the passengers.—Reuter.

## Britain's Great Need Of Raw Materials

London, Apr. 25.  
Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Foreign Secretary, said here today that he was confident the United States would not let Britain go short of sufficient materials to sustain her economy.

He raised this burning topic, which has caused Cabinet resignations, at a meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce.

Surrounded by the London representative of the United States, big business and industry, Mr. Morrison said that the world shortage of raw materials caused by the arms drive was causing the British Government serious anxiety.

"Failure to obtain adequate supplies would weaken the whole economy, lower domestic standards of life and force an overseas deficit by curbing exports."

Even the rearmament programme would suffer from the general economic effects of mass production. "But let me make it clear," the Foreign Secretary added: "It would certainly not be our policy to let that programme take the first cuts or bear the main efforts. So far as physically possible, Britain would protect both her defence programme and her exports drive by taking the heavy burden of shortages on her current standards of life."

No other policy would fit the Government's view of the needs of national security.—Reuter.

## 43 Die In Air Disaster TWO PLANES IN COLLISION Training Aircraft Explodes

Key West, Florida, Apr. 25.

A four-engine Cuban airliner and a small Navy plane collided over Key West on Wednesday and plunged into the ocean less than a mile offshore, carrying 43 people to their deaths.

Three hours after the explosive collision occurred, at 4,000-foot altitude in view of hundreds of sunbathers, 16 bodies had been recovered from the sea. Navy and Coast Guard search planes found no trace of any survivors.

The big, silver-painted airliner, operated by Compañia Cubana de Aviación, left Miami for Havana at 4:03 p.m. GMT (1:03 a.m. Thursday, Hongkong time) with 34 passengers and a crew of five. It fell into the sea 42 minutes later.

Eyewitnesses said the liner and the Navy trainer, midge-sized in comparison, appeared to be alongside each other over the beach when the trainer blew up. The explosion sheared off one of its wings and it plummeted into the sea with its four-man crew.

The commercial plane staggered along on a level course about 50 seconds, then went into a nose-dive and headed directly toward a group of tourist cottages on the south beach. Then it veered to the left and dropped into the water 1,200 yards offshore.

Mr. Frank Rogers, a Key West carpenter and one of the eyewitnesses, said it appeared that the pilot wrestled the plane away from the beach to avoid hitting the crowds of sunbathers.

The big plane disappeared beneath the surface, and a Navy crash boat that reached the scene in a few minutes reported there were no survivors. Pieces of wreckage and articles of clothing floated to the surface, then a female body.

Other Navy vessels and a diving crew went out immediately to assist the crash boat. Pan American World Airways, with which Compañia Cubana de Aviación is affiliated, reported it was the first accident of the Cuban airliner in 17 years of operation.

Pan-American announced a passenger list showing 26 Americans, eight South Americans, and a crew of five Cubans in the missing airliner.—Associated Press.

## Oil Refinery Strike Ends

Abadan, Apr. 25.

The strike at the Abadan oil refinery, the world's largest, ended today, 12 days after it started.

Mr. A. E. C. Drake, the General Manager of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, announced: "The strike is over." He said that 24,000 workers reported for duty today.

Allowing for leave and sickness only about 50 of the 28,000 workers remain unaccounted for. He added: "They seem to have called the strike off. Production is being stepped up and today between 11 million and 12 million gallons were produced compared with the normal daily output of between 18 million and 19 million gallons."

Mr. Drake paid a tribute to the thousands of Persian workers who had ignored the campaign of intimidation and threats and gone to work during the recent days.

He said the strike has been one of the most curious on record for the company, as no time received any demands except from apprentices and students—most of whom have returned to work.

"They submitted requests that can only be characterized as trivial and frivolous," Mr. Drake said that he was maintaining contact with the three-man Commission appointed by the Persian Government to conciliate between the company and the workers.

He declined to estimate the losses sustained by the company during the strike, but said that they must be considerable.—Reuter.

## SORIANO RESIGNS FROM PAL

Manila, Apr. 26.

Col. Andres Soriano and top executives of the Philippines Air Lines have submitted their resignations because of "undue interference" in the management by government-appointed members of the board of directors.

The board rejected the resignations, made yesterday, by Col. Soriano told The Associated Press this morning that his decision and that of the operating executives "still stands."

Col. Soriano said the present management and operating executives planned to continue in their jobs until May 31 in order to assure continuance of service to Europe and the United States as well as extensive inter-island operations in the Philippines.

The Philippines government owns 52 percent of the stock of the airline and appoints a majority of the board of 11 directors. Col. Soriano owns a substantial block of the remaining stock.—Associated Press.

## Security For Malaya

London, Apr. 25.

Minister of State Kenneth Younger told the House of Commons on Wednesday Britain hopes to join the United States in a Pacific security system which will include arrangements for defending war-torn Malaya.

This country wants the proposed Pacific security system between the United States, Australia and New Zealand extended across the South China Sea into Southeast Asia where a series of strong national independence struggles are under way.—Associated Press.

## Red China Piles In Orders For Spare Motor Parts

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 25.

Red China is making an all-out effort to buy as many motor spare parts in Britain as possible before the authorities clamp down on such exports. Enquiries for large quantities of war-surplus spare parts have been flooding in since the matter was raised last week in Parliament when it was revealed that Government was keeping a close watch on the situation.

A director of one large firm of motor spare parts dealers told me today, "These enquiries are coming in all the time. The name of Hongkong crops up on my desk every day. Just this morning there was an enquiry for 10,000 spark plugs and 100 magnetos for Hongkong."

This firm has refused to handle any more orders for spare parts intended for Hongkong. Enquiries are being turned down and the authorities informed.

"But if one firm refuses to handle an order it goes to another. An Indian purchasing agent told me one firm he had £200,000 to spend on motor spare parts. They were for Hongkong. An order worth £18,000 went through but the firm refused to touch any more."

## HK "Gift Parcels" Held By US Customs

San Francisco, Apr. 25.

It was disclosed on Wednesday that United States customs officers have withdrawn from the mails 27 "gift packages" destined for Hongkong, and holding 96 others for further checking.

Collector of Customs Paul Leake said the seizures aimed at stopping contraband shipments to the Hongkong black market. He claimed penicillin recently found on Chinese captured in North Korea was traced back to Hongkong.

## Boorish Tirade By Gromyko

Paris, Apr. 25.

The Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, warned the West tonight, "There will not be enough room in Korea for white crosses over the graves of interventionists if the fighting does not come to an end."

In a two-hour monologue almost unparalleled in its belligerence, Mr. Gromyko told the 37th session of the Big Four deputies: "There is an excellent remedy for the worry of the West in Korea—pull out and go home."

Mr. Gromyko called the British former Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, a "cannibal" and an "aggressor" for his April 19 speech in the House of Commons. His tirade was silenced only after the British deputy, Mr. Ernest Davies, charged that the Soviet representative had insulted His Majesty's Government and had "talked to a low level—beyond the bounds of decency."

Mr. Gromyko made his threat about Korea after claiming that all Soviet attempts to effect settlement had been "topped."

including preliminary overtures made between Marshal Stalin and Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru of India. Mr. Gromyko made this statement in a very generalised way, not appearing to refer to any specific Stalin overtures but rather along the lines that Marshal Stalin was, and always will be a proponent of peace.

After the conference, a British source said flatly: "If Mr. Gromyko continues like this another day, there won't be any conference."—United Press.

## TOWN LOOTED

Rangoon, Apr. 25.

Communist insurgents attacked and looted the central Burma town of Pyawbwe, south of Mandalay, a communiqué said today.

Government forces held the town, killing seven and wounding 40 of the insurgents, before retreating. The Government forces lost one killed and 10 wounded.—Reuter.

## Arms Aid Secret Agreement

Disclosure by Mr. Dean Acheson

Washington, Apr. 25.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today announced a hitherto secret agreement between the United States and the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Under it, American military aid to the Nationalists on Formosa should be confined to material for "internal security and legitimate self-defence."

Mr. Acheson released at his press conference today the text of notes dated January 30 and February 8, 1951, exchanged between the Chinese Nationalist and United States Governments.

In the notes the United States Government laid down specific conditions regarding the use and disposal of the aid being sent to Formosa.

It warned that deliveries would be stopped if the Chinese Nationalist departed from these conditions.

The Chinese Nationalist Government, in its note of February 9, accepted the conditions.

The conditions are: "Firstly, the Chinese Government will use the material to maintain its internal security for its legitimate self-defence. Secondly, the Chinese Government would take security measures 'to prevent the disclosure and compromise of classifying military articles, services or information furnished by the United States Government.'"

The third condition was that the Chinese Nationalist Government agreed to receive American personnel and give them facilities to see the use of the military assistance furnished.

The notes defined military materials as being "for the defence of Taiwan (Formosa) against attack."

Mr. Acheson said he did not know why the exchange of notes had been kept secret or why they were now being released.—Reuter.

## Had To Cancel Appointment

London, Apr. 25.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, cancelled an appointment with the Egyptian Ambassador, Amr Pasha, because of an urgent conference with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the suddenness of the Morrison conference with Mr. Attlee made it impossible to cancel the other engagement in time to prevent the Ambassador from coming. Apologies were forwarded to the Ambassador.

No new appointment as yet has been fixed.—United Press.

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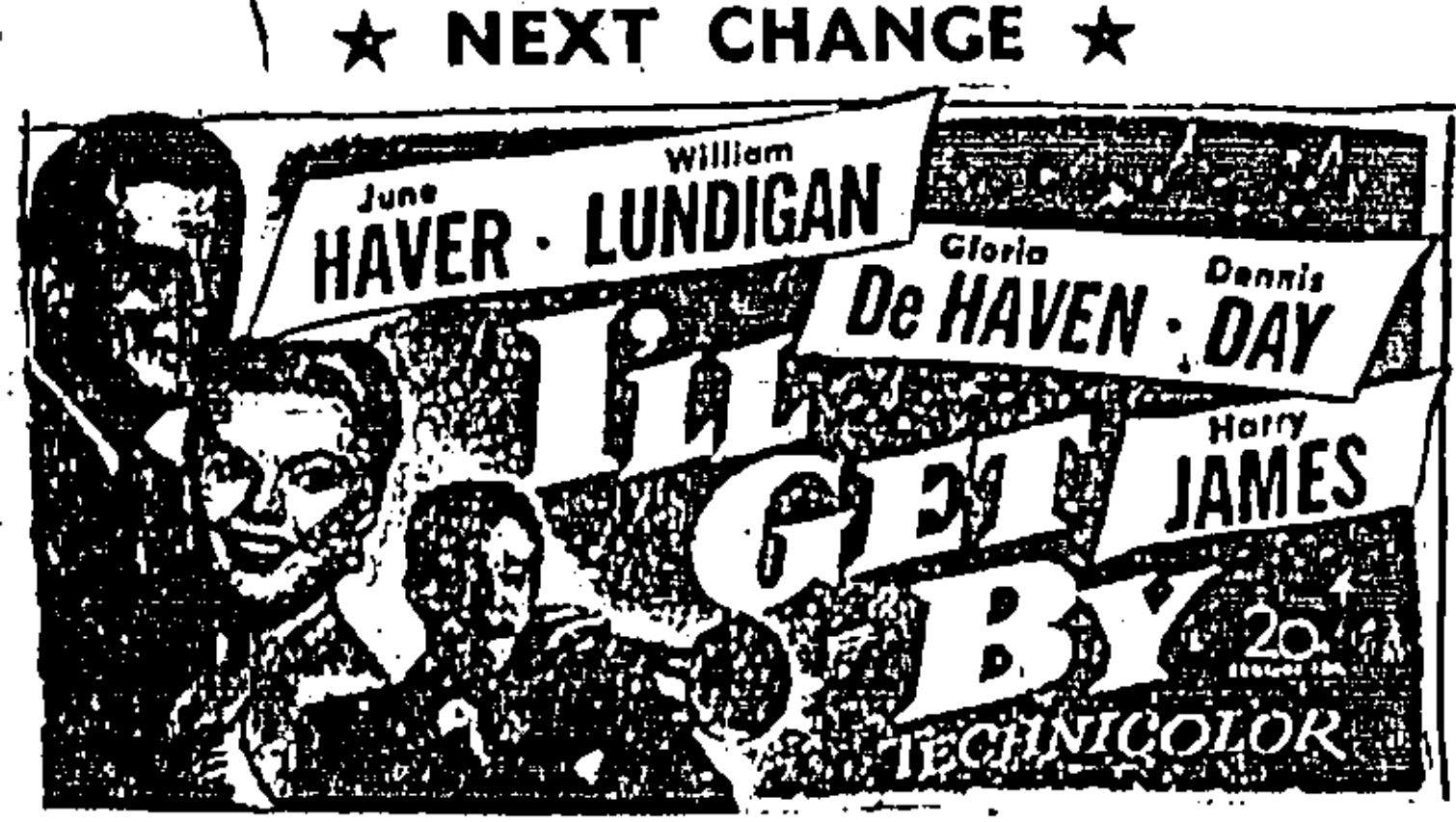
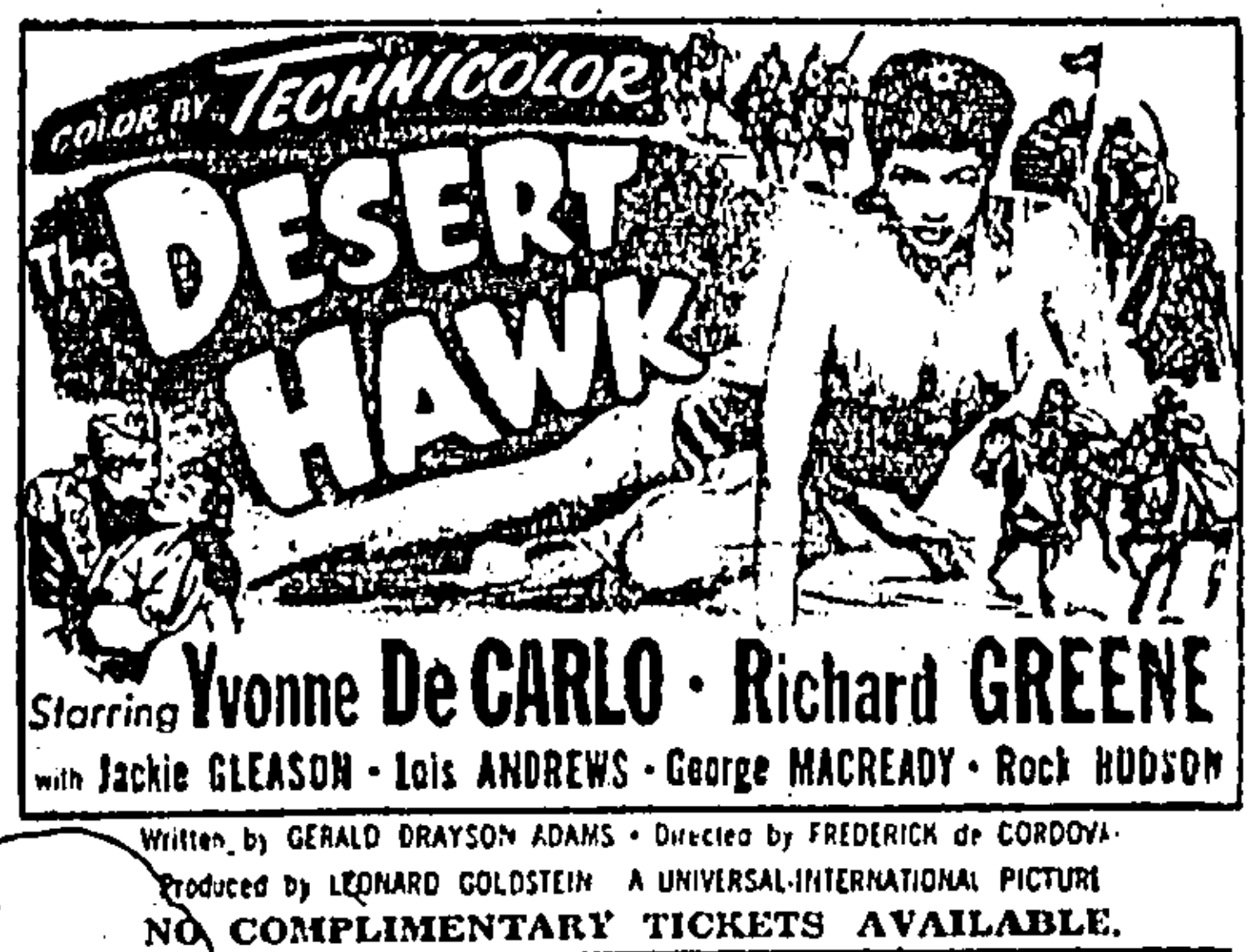
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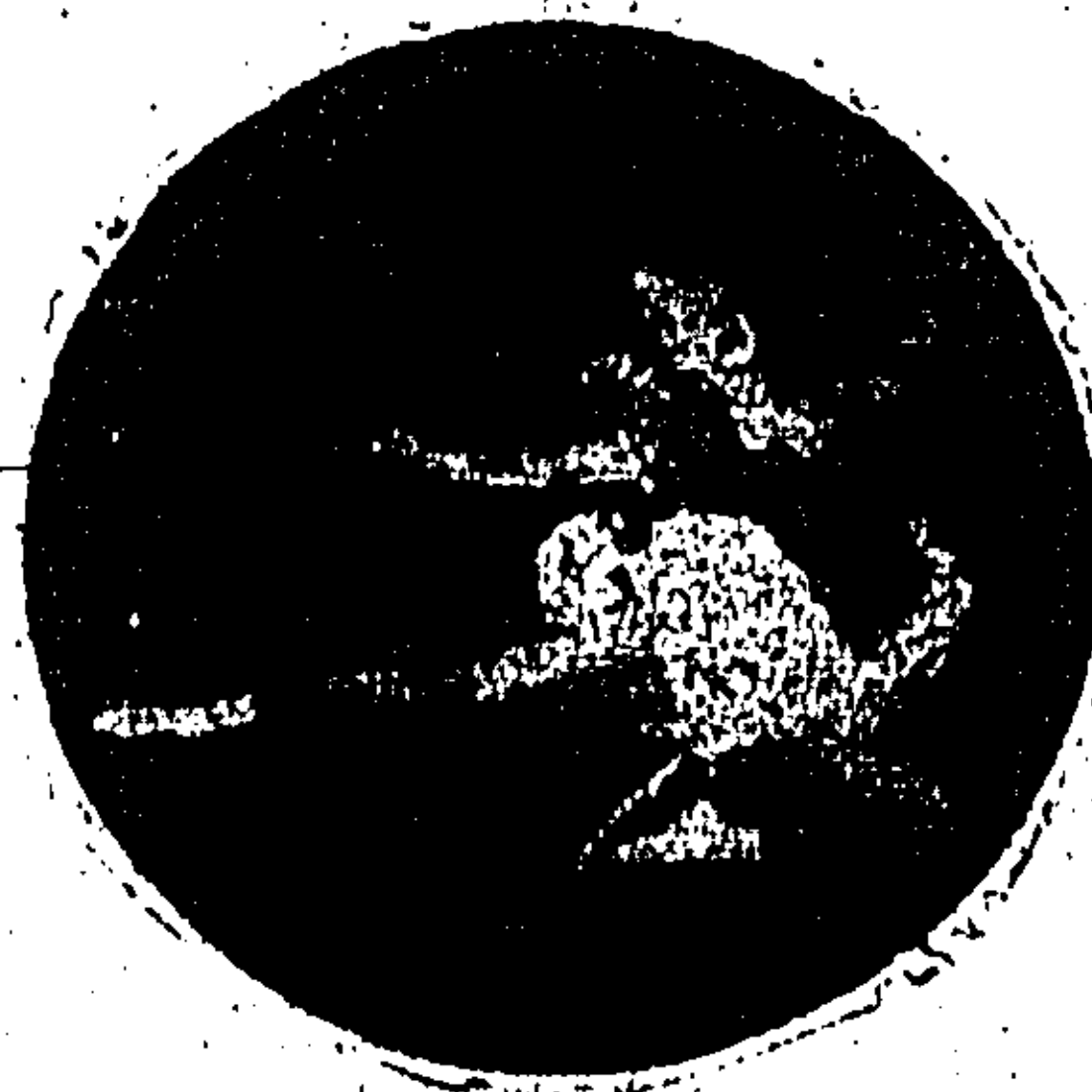
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# TORIES' QUERIES ON EGYPT

## Supplies Of War Equipment

London, Apr. 25.  
Britain is not sending Egypt any substantial items of war equipment, the Defence Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, told the House of Commons today.

Miss Irene Ward, Conservative, had asked whether the Government was sending some spares for aircraft previously delivered and there ought to be some other small items.

Mr Winston Churchill, the Opposition leader, asked if a Hunt class destroyer which was being prepared for Egypt would be sent. Mr Shinwell replied that a very full reply about that was given last week.

(Last Wednesday, Mr James Callaghan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, said that the destroyer Collesmore was sold to Egypt last week, as surplus to the Admiralty's needs.) Miss Ward then asked why modern torpedo sights were to be sent to Egypt when neither the French nor other Western Union allies had such up-to-date sights.

Mr Callaghan replied that no modern torpedo sights had been, or were being, sent to Egypt. In the House of Lords, Lord Vansittart, former diplomatic adviser to the Government, asked if Parliament would be consulted before any irreparable risk was run in the "protection of the Suez Canal."

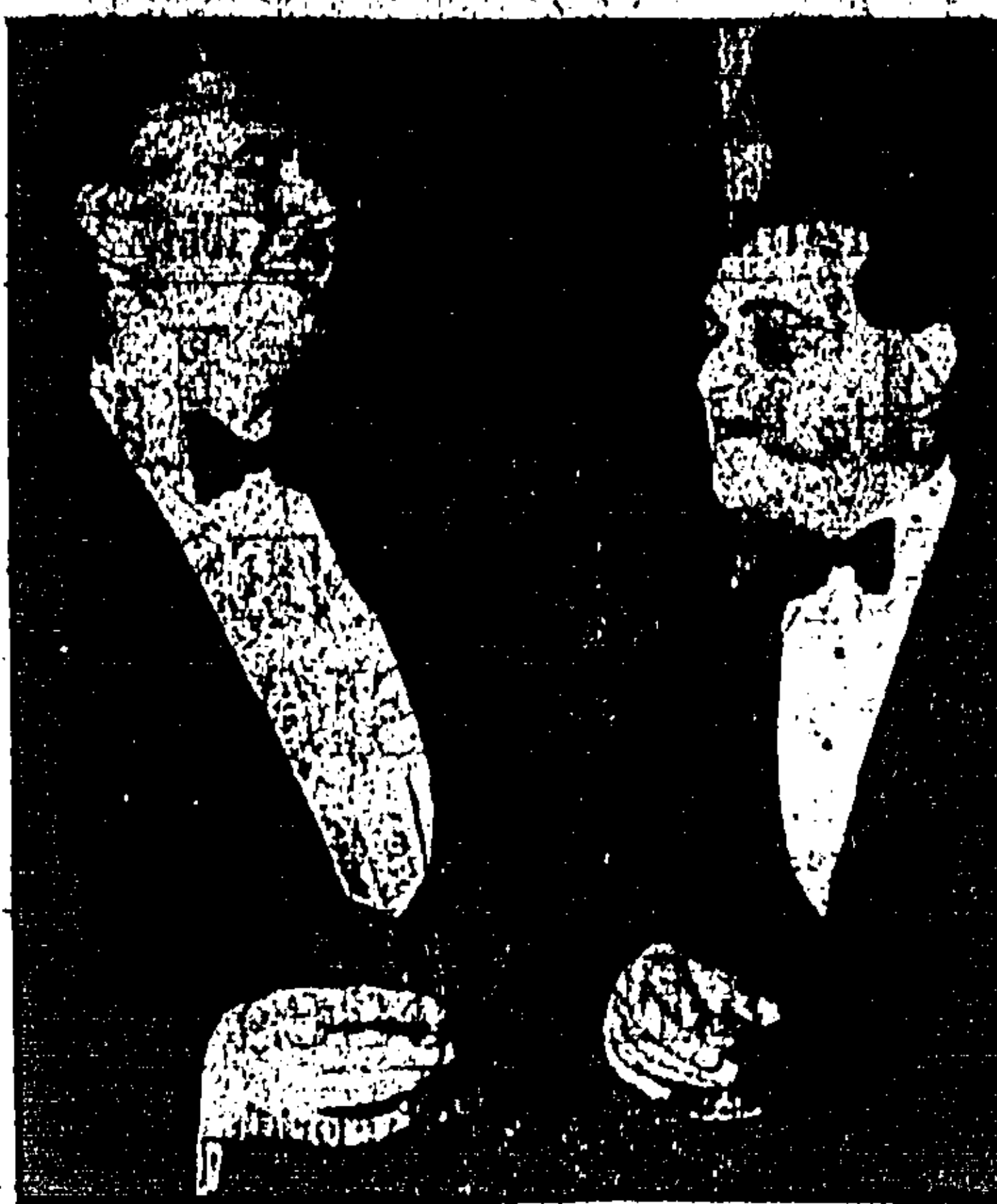
Lord Henderson, Joint Foreign Under-Secretary, replied that he had nothing to add to the Foreign Secretary's statement on April 17. This said that Parliament would have a chance to confirm or reject any agreement reached with Egypt on this matter before it entered into force.

Lord Vansittart said that the statement did not entirely remove his apprehensions and he would explore them in more detail next week.—Reuter.

## Air Chiefs To Hold Talks

London, Apr. 25.  
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Slessor, Chief of the Imperial Air Staff, left London airport today for Washington to confer with the American, Canadian and French Air Chiefs of Staff. He was accompanied by Mr C. F. Musgrave, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Supply.—Reuter.

## AT ANGLO-AMERICAN FUNCTION



Mr W. R. Herod, co-ordinator of the Atlantic Treaty Organisation (left), and Mr George Strauss, Minister of Supply, at the English-Speaking Union dinner in London.—London Express Service.

# Novel Proposals For Colonies

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 25.  
A novel proposal to give the colonies "real participation" in Commonwealth affairs is put forward today in a letter to the "Times."

Disagreeing with the idea of the Council of Empire on the lines of the Council of Europe suggested recently by Capt. Gammans, MP, Mr William Aitken, Conservative MP, writes, "A reactivated Privy Council, giving its members from overseas the right to speak and to legislate in a reformed House of Lords, might capture the imagination of many colonial leaders."

The colonies, he says, have already produced some outstandingly able men and as political experience is gained in the territories with more advanced constitutions, he believes more such men will be available to benefit from "a wider experience in the Upper House of a truly imperial parliament." With eligibility for ministerial office at Westminster, such men "would enrich and invigorate the affairs of an Empire which many would like to see united strategically, economically and politically."

Mr Aitken asks if this is not the alternative to a situation in the future in which the colonies "must suffer a painful break-up of the Empire into a 'poverty' dominion or poverty-stricken republics." The flexibility of the British constitution in his view should make it possible to devise a way for the best of all our races and creeds to join "in the direction of our own and their affairs."

Dominion status, as understood in Commonwealth countries with a more advanced economic development and a greater experience in the art of government, would be for small or largely undeveloped colonies "economic, political and social disaster."

## SWEEPING

The Political Correspondent comments: The possibilities of Mr Aitken's suggestion are sweeping. The Conservative Party's plan for the House of Lords is to make it stronger and more effective by giving it greater prestige. The Marquis of Salisbury proposed in negotiation with the Labour Government four years ago that the hereditary principle should be added to the appointment of "life Peers," a representative of different interests in the realm.

The suggestion aired in the "Times" this morning is that as well as these representatives of professional, industrial and labour interests in Britain, there should also be representatives from the colonies speaking, voting and legislating—in the House of Lords. They would not necessarily have to be Peers with the title of "Lord" in front of their name. That is, after all, a matter of form only. Colonial

representatives in the House of Lords would be chosen by the King to sit on his own Privy Council so that they would have the title of Right Honourable—and thus the Privy Council would come alive again as a special body to advise the King on imperial affairs. At present the Privy Council is employed in form alone virtually only to witness the King's signature on proclamations, calling up forces, the grant of Royal pardons and certain other matters of that kind.

## ATOMIC WORK DISCLOSURE

Washington, Apr. 25.  
It was disclosed today that zirconium, a metal essential to the manufacture of atomic machines, is being produced by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, which is working on an atomic submarine.

Testimony by Atomic Energy Commission officials before the House Appropriations sub-Committee disclosed that it was necessary suddenly to convert engineering and laboratory space into a zirconium production plant when supplies of the vital metal ran out.

The AEC had to ask Congress for \$447,000 in extra funds.—United Press.

## New Wireless Station

New Delhi, Apr. 25.  
A five-year plan to expand India's external communication services has been approved. A Parliamentary committee attached to the Ministry of Communications officially stated today that the plan includes the opening of a new wireless station in Calcutta, linking directly China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Indo-China, Australia and America.

The Delhi station is intended to establish a direct wireless telegraph link with Soviet Russia, Switzerland and other countries.—United Press.

# Red Offensive Holds Up UN Peace Efforts

Lake Success, Apr. 25.  
The new Communist offensive in Korea caused a diplomatic lull here, as United Nations delegates anxiously studied battle reports before deciding what action, if any, can be taken to bring nearer a peaceful settlement of the nine-month-old war.

The offensive was something of a shock to those delegates who felt in recent weeks that negotiations could be resumed with Peking and the war be settled without much additional bloodshed.

This applied in particular to members of the 12-nation Asian combination who, for the last several weeks, had been engaged in intense activity aiming at establishing machinery for peace talks with China.

A spokesman for the group refused to comment on the situation, saying only, "We must await further military developments."

It was clear, however, that the Asians would not embark upon any new mediation projects as long as the United Nations forces were on the defensive in Korea.

Western thinking here ran along the lines that China by launching the offensive showed conclusively there was no desire for "honourable peace" in Peking.

Some delegates speculated privately that successful negotiations may become possible after the United Nations stop the Communist offensive. But outside such optimistic thinking, the delegates' moods ran from serious preoccupation to dark pessimism over the chances of peaceful settlement of the Korean war in particular and the Far Eastern situation in general.

## AWAITING REPLY

The only actual diplomatic development in sight here was the meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday by the three-man good offices committee for a review of the new situation.

The Asians were still awaiting a reply from Peking to the peace feelers sent out ten days ago, but members of the group agreed privately that such a reply now would be academic.

Informed sources said the group received an informal indication from Peking through the Indian Ambassador, Sardar K.M. Panikkar, that China was not willing to talk with the United Nations as long as the resolution branding China as an aggressor remained on the books. This led some of the Asians to push for a reintroduction of their old resolution calling for a cease-fire and a Far Eastern conference, but it appeared the group would do little except hold periodic meetings as long as the military situation in Korea is not clarified.—United Press.

## RAU'S FORECAST

Toronto, Apr. 25.  
Sir Benegal Rau, India's permanent delegate to the United Nations, said here today that when the Korean conflict ended, it might be that it would end on terms for which one of his peace moves had created an opening in October last.

Addressing the Victoria University, he referred particularly to a suggestion he had made for the appointment of a United Nations Sub-Committee to act as a "peace of agreement" between the Western and Soviet viewpoints on a Korean peace.

Sir Benegal said: "Looking back upon the scene in the light of after events, I think that the defeat of this motion by 32 votes to 24 was the result of a miscalculation. There is good reason to believe that many more delegations would have supported the proposal had they not been under the impression that the threat of Chinese intervention was a mere bluff and that the unification of the whole of Korea by military action was in near prospect. Events proved that this was an error."

Sir Benegal referred to what he described as a similar situation in Galveston's "Strike," in which, at the end of a disastrous strike in a telephone works, an official of the factory said to trade union representatives: "Do you know, sir, these terms—they are the same that

we threw up together, you and I, and put to both sides before the fight began?"

"When the fighting in Korea ends," Sir Benegal concluded, "it may be that it will end upon terms not very different from those the above Sub-Committee would have suggested in October last."—Reuter.

# ATTLEE BACKED BY TUC

London, Apr. 25.  
The powerful Trades Union Congress today joined in giving Prime Minister Clement Attlee an overwhelming vote of confidence in his policy dispute with three rebellious Ministers who quit the Labour Government.

The General Council of T.U.C., representing 8,000,000 trade unionists, issued a special statement supporting Mr Attlee and his big rearmament programme.

The T.U.C. statement also pointed out: "The General Council views with regret the fact that certain Ministers felt it necessary to resign their responsibilities at a time when the Government was faced by international problems and under heavy opposition in Parliament."

The T.U.C. declared support for the Government's general policy and called upon all trade unionists "to stand loyally and unitedly behind the Government in its effort to secure national and international stability and world peace."—United Press.

## Unique Action By Lloyds

New York, Apr. 25.  
Lloyds of London have insured a business convention against the risk of war for the first time in history, according to the Wall Street Journal, the business and financial paper.

It was reported today that Lloyds had provided insurance cover for the National Office Management Association's conference to be held in New York from May 20 to May 23.

Lloyds' view on the chance of war was unknown. The premium rate on the policy was not revealed. It covers the Association "against loss incurred by the postponement or abandonment as a result of an order by the United States Government, or through an outbreak of war involving the United States."—Reuter.

## THEATRE FRACAS

Trieste, Apr. 25.  
The police threw out some 40 Fascists who started a brawl in a theatre here today, during the 4th anniversary celebrations of the liberation of Italy.

Local political leaders had their speeches interrupted by catcalls and the singing of Fascist hymns.

Fighting broke out at a mention of the Triesteans who fell in the struggle against German occupation troops and last-ditch Fascists.—Reuter.

# Japan Treaty Discussions

Washington, Apr. 25.  
British Embassy and American State Department representatives began talks here today on the negotiation of a Japanese peace treaty.

A State Department spokesman said that major political questions connected with the proposed treaty would not be considered until later. The present series of conferences would consider such matters as claims and old Japanese treaty commitments.

The talks were designed to clarify technical questions involved in the negotiation of the treaty.—Reuter.

# ASIAN VIEW OF WORLD SITUATION

London, Apr. 25.  
Asians regarded the "mad race for armaments" as a threat to peace and a reliance on strength to compel the world to adopt a Western way of life, Mrs Laurel Casinader, Secretary of the Association of Ceylon Women in London, said today.

She was addressing the two-day annual Council meeting of the Women's Liberal Federation in an "Asiatic Forum."

"Asia demands freedom in which she can muddle through her problems, create new ones, perhaps make mistakes, but her awakened nationalism will not tolerate any threat to or interference with her sovereignty," she said.

"Anti-Communism can be as fanatical as a Red revolution and make countries lose their sense of proportion. We cannot understand why political entities cannot live and let live."

"The British lead in the Commonwealth, which though it has no homogeneity of races or policies, yet is closely bound by other ties, indicates that this is possible," Mrs Casinader commented.

Though Ceylon wholeheartedly approved of immediate United Nations action in Korea, there was a need for a clear statement of policy, she said.

"Instead, there was a seemingly wanton destruction of towns and villages and a severe slaughter of civilians."

The Parallel was crossed and the Chinese warnings ignored. India was the only voice raised in protest or warning. "Is it surprising or unnatural that there should be a swing round of sympathies at these incidents which neutralised the United Nations action to prevent war?" Mrs Casinader asked.—Reuter.

# Poles Come To Heel

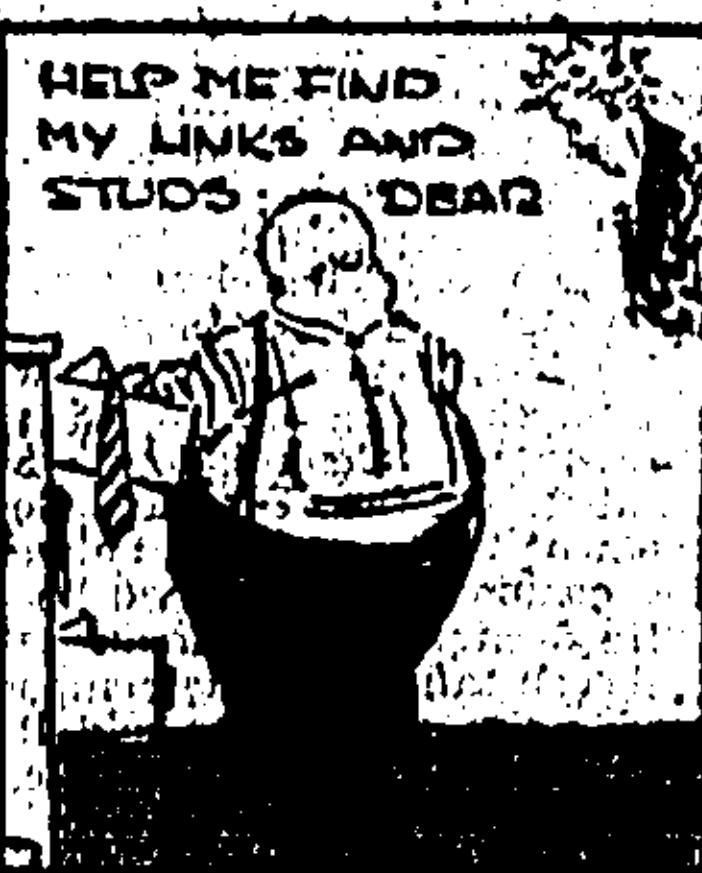
Berlin, Apr. 25.  
Poland was reported today to have dropped her prolonged resistance and agreed "in principle" to admitting East Germany's Communist Party into the Cominform.

Well-informed Soviet-zone sources said this was the result of talks between Mr Jakob Berman, Poland's Cominform representative, and Mr Anton Ackermann, East German Deputy Foreign Minister. Mr Ackermann is also the Soviet-zone observer for the Cominform.

Mr Berman spent three days in East Berlin, this week as a member of a delegation headed by Polish President Boleslaw Bierut, who paid a state visit. President Bierut left on Tuesday.

Poland and Czechoslovakia, because of their wartime experiences, were understood to have been the principal opponents to East Germany's admission.—Associated Press.

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## New Line By Reds In India

Bombay, Apr. 25. The Politburo of the Indian Communist Party had decided on a radical reorientation of the tactical line, the Indian Communist Party announced today in a 4,000-word "fundamental programme" statement.

This was regarded here as confirmation of a reported Communist decision to contest the forthcoming General Election in India, the fundamental programme representing the Party's manifesto.

The recent release of Communist leaders from preventive detention and the proximity of the election were believed to have inspired the Communist statement of policy.

The Communist manifesto listed a 30-point political and economic "emancipation" programme for the Indian people. The highlights of the Party's domestic policy are:

1.—The establishment of a people's democracy under the leadership of the working classes and the Communist Party.

2.—The confiscation of all feudal estates without payment.

3.—Nationalisation of industrial banking, shipping and economic enterprises.

The highlights of the Party's foreign policy are:

1.—The cessation of "flirting" between world power blocs, and the strengthening of the "World Peace Front" led by the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic.

2.—Withdrawal of India from the Commonwealth.

3.—Alliance and friendship with Palestine and Ceylon.

The Communist release, quoting the Politburo, which is presumed to have met in secret, said that the policy statement would help people to obtain a "clear picture of the objective that the Party is fighting for."

The announcement did not indicate the Party's programme of action to realise its objectives.—Reuter.

## NEW REQUEST BY TITO

Washington, Apr. 25. Yugoslavia has formally asked the United States for additional "special aid" to help meet an anticipated deficit of \$180 million in the next two years.

Officials of the State Department said today that the United States was sympathetically considering the request, though Marshal Tito's Government has had \$150 million in United States loans and grants in the past 18 months.

The latest call for aid was handed to the State Department in a formal note on March 29 by Mr Vladimir Popovitch, Yugoslav Ambassador here.

Drought, which had curtailed output, was one reason given for the request. The note also said that rising prices in Western markets had raised the expected Yugoslav deficit by 23 percent.—Reuter.

## Epidemics Take Heavy Toll

Calcutta, Apr. 25. Smallpox and cholera have killed 533 persons in Calcutta area in two weeks, it was announced today. There were 302 deaths from smallpox and 141 from cholera.

There has been a smallpox epidemic since November, but cholera joined the epidemic list when current deaths were disclosed. The deaths listed were for the two weeks ended last Saturday.—United Press.

## BRITAIN STUDYING NEXT MOVE

London, Apr. 25. The British Government will shortly inform Persia of her considered views on the oil situation there, London diplomatic observers believed today.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that a diplomatic move was now under consideration. The "mechanics" of the subject and the possible approach were still being examined, the spokesman added.

He could not yet say whether the British Government would now participate directly in any future negotiations between the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the Persian Government.—Reuter.

## TEHERAN ACTION

Teheran, Apr. 25. The Iranian Oil Commission today passed a proposal which would make nationalisation of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company retroactive to April 17, when Parliament approved the nationalisation law.

The Senate President, Seyyed Hassan Taghizadeh, presented the proposal to the Majlis Oil Commission. It specified that the British-controlled Anglo-Iranian Oil Company would be considered as having exploited oil on behalf of Iran since passage of the law. The proposal was passed unanimously by the 15 members of the Commission present.

Ways and means of nationalising the Company have been under discussion in Parliament for several days. The Company's oil goes to most nations outside the Soviet-dominated sphere. Among proposals offered during discussions was that countries holding contracts continue to be offered oil after the Company goes under Government management.—United Press.

## Korea Casualties

Washington, Apr. 25. United States casualties in Korea rose by 909 over last week's figure to reach 61,744, it was announced today. This figure included 9,380 killed, 41,428 wounded and 10,936 missing.—Reuter.

# NEW SYRIA CHARGE OF ISRAELI AGGRESSION

## Tel-Aviv Accused Of Attack On An Arab Village

Lake Success, Apr. 25. Syria today charged Israel with new violations of the armistice agreement and accused the Tel-Aviv Government of hostile intentions against the demilitarised zone of the Huleh district.

The chief Syrian delegate, Mr Faris el Khouri, made the charges in a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council shortly before that UN organ convened here to continue the debate on the Palestine situation.

He said that on April 20, Israel armed forces attacked from boats on the Tiberius lake and from the area north of Ain Gev, with automatic weapons and mortars, the Arab village of Naqub in the demilitarised zone.

The Council convened at 2023 GMT and the President Mr Daniel van Buren of the Netherlands, invited the Israeli representative, Mr Abba Eban, and Mr Khouri to the table.

Mr Eban made an address to the Council, opening with a lengthy review of the history of the Israeli-Syrian dispute over border areas which were demilitarised under the armistice agreement.

Mr Eban charged that the Huleh and Ain Gev districts were Israeli territory, contrary to Syrian claims, and charged that Syria unlawfully established military outposts in Ain Gev.

He said the border between Palestine and Syria had been traced as far back as 1923, when the two countries were respectively British and French mandates, in such a way as to give Palestine control of the Huleh swamps and its network of streams and rivulets because it was a source of water for Palestine.

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Idina Probyn, of London (centre, front row), has mobilised 11 other women to run a leave centre in Tokyo and three canteen vans at the Korean front. In centre of back row is a Tientsin-born girl, Brenda Hall, and on her left is Patsy Caulfield-Stoker, a cousin of the stepson of Dr Wellington Koo, Chinese Nationalist Ambassador to the U.S.—AP Photo.

## MacA To Deliver Speech Tonight

New York, 25. General MacArthur has no objection whatsoever to appearing in an open session before a Congressional committee next week even before television cameras, his personal adviser said today. "He will subject himself to anything the committee asks," Major-General Courtney Whitney told reporters.

General Whitney, General MacArthur's chief aide and secretary, said the General did not plan to leave his hotel suite until Thursday morning, when he and his family and staff fly to Chicago for another welcome celebration.

Gen. Whitney said Gen. MacArthur will make a short address at Soldier's Field in Chicago on Thursday night, adding that "it would not care to discuss the nature of it."

Gen. MacArthur has not left the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel since his arrival in New York last Friday. Reporters asked Gen. Whitney how Gen. MacArthur spent his time. He said Gen. MacArthur keeps himself informed as fast as possible of the war situation in Korea. That was the prime concern of Gen. MacArthur.

Asked if Gen. MacArthur planned to call on President Truman when he goes to Washington next week, Gen. Whitney said, "He has no such plans."

In connection with Gen. MacArthur's scheduled Congressional appearance, Gen. Whitney said, "He expects to make himself subject to any inquiry they may care to address to him."

Gen. Whitney said, "General MacArthur has had a number of offers for his memoirs."

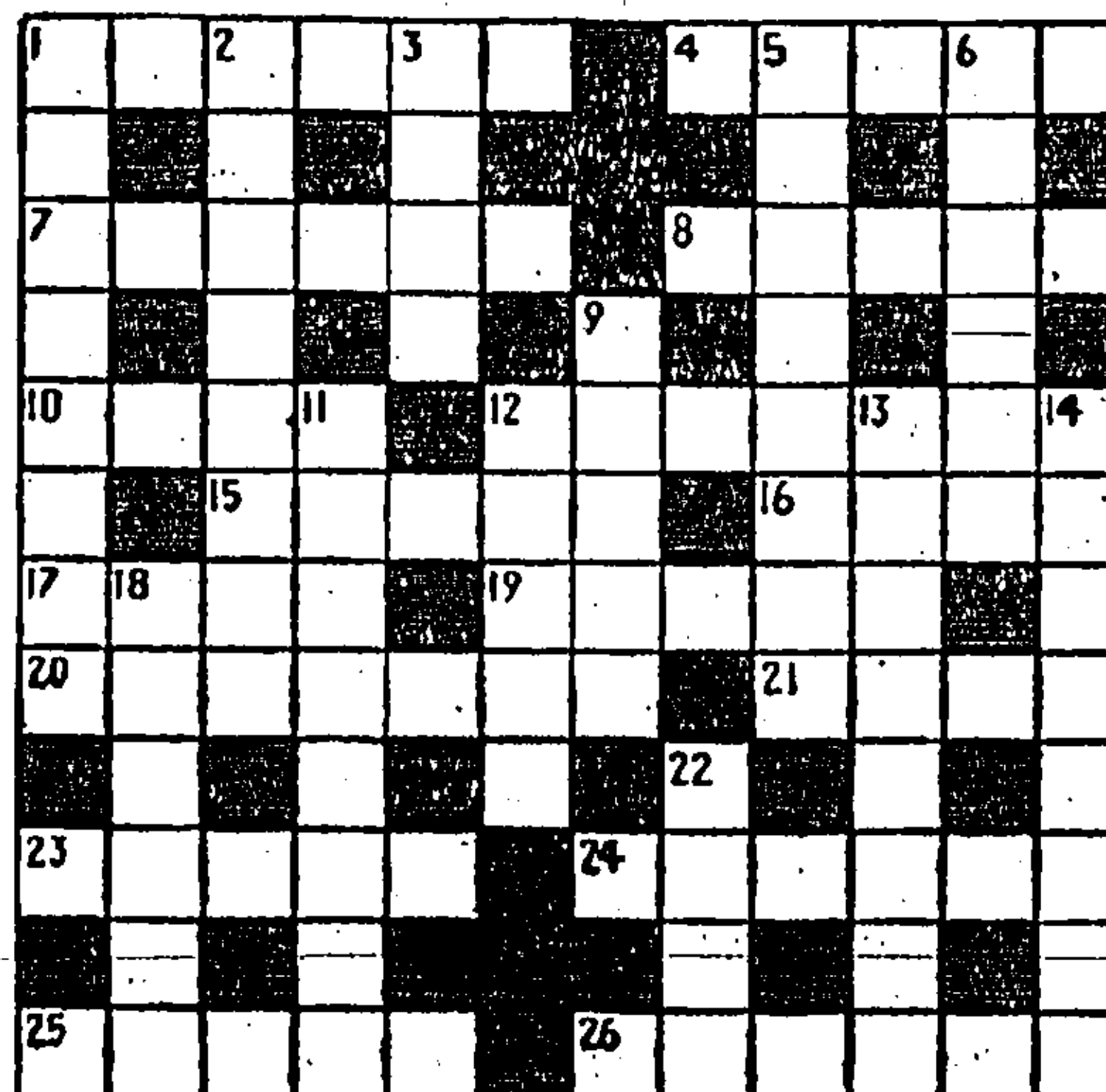
## FORMOSA MISSION

Does Gen. MacArthur see the sending of the new U.S. military mission to Formosa as a vindication of his position?

Answer: I would not care to attempt to interpret what his views are with respect to that.

When does Gen. MacArthur plan to hold a Press conference?

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Bog (6)
  - 4 Musical time (5)
  - 7 Expand (6)
  - 8 Paces (5)
  - 10 Thoroughfare (4)
  - 12 Laviat (7)
  - 15 Commenced (5)
  - 16 Withered (4)
  - 17 List (4)
  - 19 Means of joining pieces of wood (5)
  - 20 Came out (7)
  - 21 Deprivation (4)
  - 23 Chi line (5)
  - 24 Shy (6)
  - 25 Thong (5)
  - 26 Execute (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Temperate (8)
  - 2 Trustworthy (8)
  - 3 Building ground (4)
  - 5 Floor (8)
  - 6 Tree (6)
  - 9 Muleted (5)
  - 11 Takes away from (8)
  - 12 Subsequently (6)
  - 13 Restore to good condition (8)
  - 14 Diminished (8)
  - 16 Drink (6)
  - 22 Gals (4)

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.** — Across: 3 Dastardly, 8 Track, 9 Fraction, 11 Manifest, 12 Pier, 13 Order, 16 Savor, 19 Onus, 22 Bernacle, 24 Repaired, 25 Demure, 26 Related. Down: 1 Blump, 3 Daint, 4 Differ, 4 Acre, 5 Tact, 6 Halsey, 7 Sundry, 10 Alkha, 14 Debar, 16 Rounded, 17 Rumpus, 19 Sordid, 21 Level, 22 Bias, 23 Rede.

## Writers Give A Pledge

London, Apr. 25. Twelve of Britain's famous writers yesterday issued a declaration pledging themselves to work for peace through their writings and inviting all other writers to join them in their efforts to stop the drift to war.

The signatories include Compton Mackenzie, novelist and historian Christopher Fry, dramatist Sheila Kaye-Smith, novelist and Laurence Housman, poet and playwright.

Their statement said: "We writers believe that our civilisation is unlikely to survive another world war. We believe that differing political and economic systems in the world today can exist side by side on the basis of peacefully negotiated settlements."

"As writers we want peace and through our work will try to get it, and to this end we pledge ourselves to encourage an international settlement through peaceful negotiation." —Reuter.

## Red Leaders Sacked

Moscow, Apr. 25. The Supreme Soviet today relieved P. Lebedev, President of the All-Union Arts Commission (equivalent to a ministry) on grounds of "bad management of the Commission's work."

The Council of Ministers also discharged A.V. Solodovnikov, director of the historic Bolshoi opera and ballet theatre, for "unsatisfactory management of the theatre's work."

Last week, Pravda strongly criticised Lebedev and Solodovnikov in connection with the Bolshoi's production of Zhukovskiy's new opera, "From All My Heart." The newspaper said the opera was an "ideologic, uncathartic and distorted portrayal of collective farm life." —United Press.

## New Service On The Thames

London, Apr. 25. In his black and gold ceremonial robes and cocked hat, the Lord Mayor of London today opened a passenger boat service on the River Thames for Festival of Britain year.

As Admiral of the Port of London, he sailed down the Thames in a State procession, reviving a yearly custom which died out 94 years ago.

The summer boat services include the regular city water bus services, by which many workers travel to their offices, and the pleasure steamers, favoured by hundreds of Londoners who sail up river on hot week-ends and holidays.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Denys Lawson, was attended by the City Sheriff and officers of his retinue in a launch.—Reuter.

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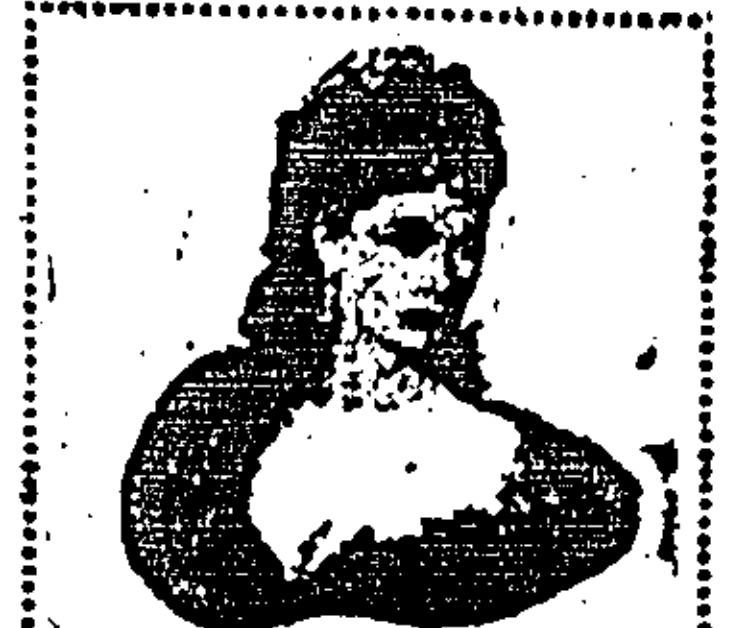
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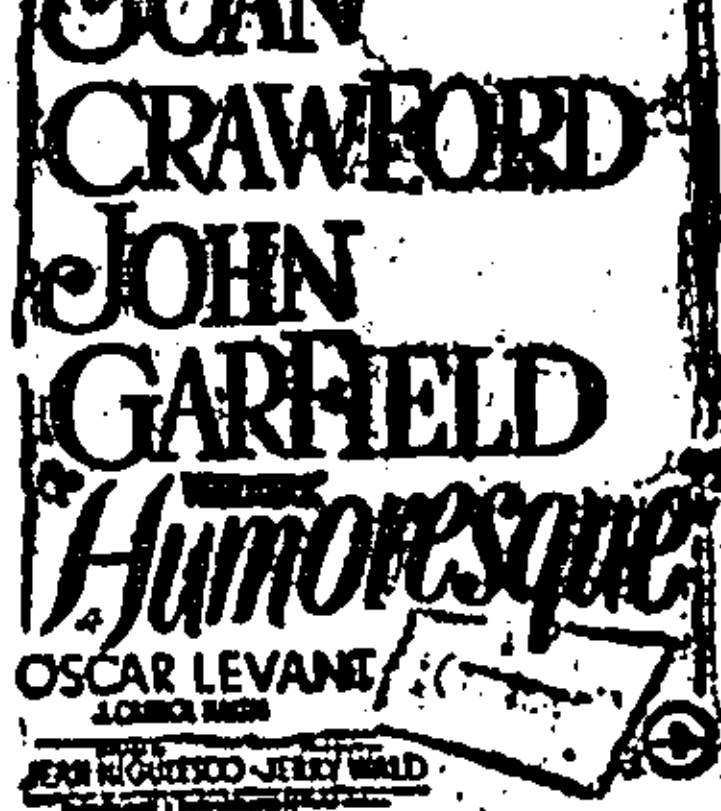
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# SAIGON SOCCER TEAM WINS CONCLUDING MATCH TO EVEN UP THE RECORD

By "SPIV"

The Saigon soccerites ended their 1951 Hongkong tour with a 50-50 record when they edged out a strong local Chinese XI by three goals to two at the Club ground yesterday.

They thus avenged their 6-1 defeat at the hands of the Hongkong Interport XI in their opening match. Their second match, the latter part of which was played in a torrential rain, ended in a 3-3 draw against a Hongkong Selection.

From the viewpoint of clean play and sporting behaviour, yesterday's game left much to be desired. Although Chang Kam-hoi was admonished twice by the referee, the larger number of fouls were committed by the visitors, whose jumping kicks and elbowings were much in evidence.

It must be conceded that the fouls may not have been intentional. There were genuine attempts toward clean play and the infringements were the result of what may be considered typically robust play in Saigon.

## GLARING

A more glaring breach of sportsmanship committed by the Saigon team was in the 30th minute of the first half. With the score at 1-1, a penalty was awarded to Hongkong for a push by their left-half from a corner-kick.

As Chang Kam-hoi was about to take the kick, the goalkeeper left his charge and stood outside it. He was eventually persuaded to return into the goalmouth by some of his own teammates.

Chang shot wide, and to the majority of the spectators it appeared that the miss was a deliberate one. A more thrushful and dashing forward line and a hard-tackling defence paved the way to Saigon's victory.

Hongkong's reputed defence held their ground in the first half, but got rattled and upset in the second half by the robust tactics of their opponents.

Lai Wei started to mislead, and Ng Kee-cheung, who played a sterling game in the first half, began to kick just anywhere and everywhere.

Only Hau Yung-sang at right-back and Tong Sheung at left-half remained to give a consistently brilliant display.

Cheung Koon-hing of Kitchee in his first big game was rather shaky despite some good saves. Lee Ping-chiu, who substituted for Lau Chung-sang, put up more than an average performance and thoroughly earned his place yesterday.

The forwards, as usual, showed plenty of fast approach work to their opponents' goal, but once again their weakness in front of the goalmouth brought woe to the visitors. The 11,000 or so local supporters at the Club ground missed at least one certain goal in addition to the penalty. Au Chi-yin at least three, and Yiu Cheuk-ai each had at least one chance.

## THE PLAY

The Chinese were on top in the opening stages and drew first blood within five minutes of the kick-off when Au Chi-yin, who had earlier missed a good scoring chance, made amends when he was sent through on a neat pass and netted with a powerful ground shot to the left hand corner of the net.

Combined Chinese continued to dominate the exchanges and delighted their supporters with clever passing movements which had the Saigon defence running round in circles. They were, however, unable to put the finishing touches to their excellent approach work.

The Saigon goal had a narrow escape when Tong Sheung, receiving the ball from Hau

Ching-to, placed it into the goalmouth at the feet of Au Chi-yin. Before the latter could shoot, however, the Saigon goalkeeper made a brilliant dive to gather the ball.

Salgon obtained the equaliser in the 20th minute when Tu, after cleverly eluding Hau Yung-sang, crossed the ball to Guichard, who made no mistake with a lightning-like cross shot to the left hand corner of the net with Cheung Koon-hing beaten all the way.

The Chinese retaliated strongly after this reverse and forced a corner. Hau Ching-to, who took the corner-kick, placed the ball into the goalmouth, where an exciting tussle took place. The ball was headed in towards goal with the custodian out of his charge, but Quoi was in position and headed out. The ball then went to Lee Tai-fai, who sent in a terrific drive from close range but the goalkeeper, who had recovered, brought off a brilliant save.

At the other end, the Chinese clotted also had a narrow shave when Cang centred. As the ball came across the goalmouth, the inside forwards failed to take advantage of the golden opportunity with which they were presented before the Chinese defenders could head time to recover. As a result, the custodian to the other side of the field, where it was cleared.

Another thrill came when Hau Ching-to sent across a perfect centre and the Saigon goalkeeper missed it. The ball went to Au Chi-yin and Yiu Cheuk-ai also failed to gain possession and it went to Chang Kam-hoi who, with the goalkeeper out of his charge, shot wide from about six yards.

Shortly before the interval, the Chinese were awarded a penalty when one of the Saigon defenders pushed Au Chi-yin during a goalmouth scramble. Several of the Saigon players resented the decision of the referee and waved to their goalkeeper to leave his charge. The custodian then left his charge, but returned before the kick was taken.

Chang Kam-hoi, who took the spot kick, deliberately shot wide. The interval arrived with the teams sharing two goals.

## SECOND HALF

The second half opened seasonally, with Saigon taking the lead within two minutes of the resumption when Tu again beat Hau Yung-sang and centred the ball. A misunderstanding between Ng Kee-cheung and Lai Wei enabled Guichard to nip in and score.

Stung by this reverse, the Chinese attacked in earnest and were soon rewarded for their efforts when Au Chi-yin broke through to score with a fine shot.

Throwing all their resources into the game, the Chinese gave the Saigon defence a "gruelling" time as they launched a series of sustained attacks. In the course of which shots were sent in from all angles, only to be saved by the goalkeeper or blocked by the defenders, who were almost run off their feet.

With much more of Argentine's well-played we-won't-play nonsense, they'd have been a bigger embarrassment to the Lancaster Dynamos ever were, and goodness knows they were difficult enough.

George Swindell's pals are calling him the "Belsen Wonder" down Highbury way these days. It's a bit on his spindly shank, I'm not surprised it's causing commotion.

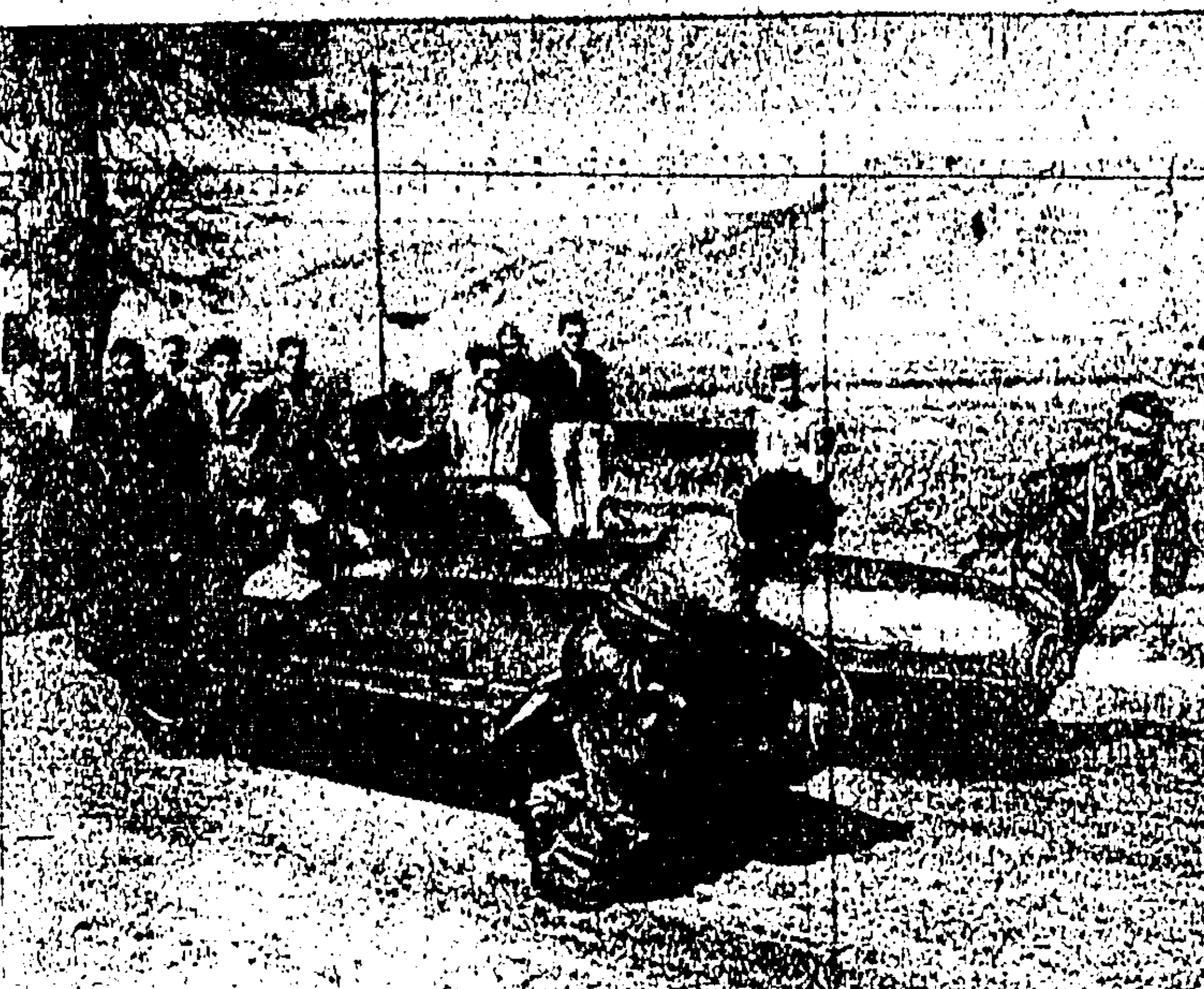
Within seven weeks of his lance operation, Arsenal's goalkeeper has played "blinders" in three league matches, yet he tells me, the leg is still thinner than the other by one-and-a-half inches.

## FRANCE NOW

French football is once again looking towards Britain. From Rouen comes a request for two workmen to help them out of the Second Division. Good money, too, at £75 to £80 a month. It's a pity to see any applications to the right quarter.

Salgon, Xu Huang, Wafco, Qiu, Ven, Minli, Tho, Cang, Hieu, Guichard, Duo and Tu. Combined Chinese Cheung Koon-hing, Hau Yung-sang, Lai Wei, Lee Ping-chiu, Ng Kee-cheung, Tong Sheung, Lee Tai-fai, Chang Kam-hoi, Au Chi-yin, Yiu Cheuk-ai and Hau Ching-to.

## RECORD BREAKING 'DOUBLE TORPEDO'



Italian racer Piero Taruffi is being towed in by maintenance men after he broke the world speed record at the Appian Raceway in Rome. His car, a Double Torpedo, set a new high by travelling at 186.25 miles per hour. The unique car houses the engine in one of its bodies while the other accommodates the driver and the controls.

## Harold Palmer's Soccerfront

# Arsenal's Manager Believes In The Future Of Floodlight Football

Arsenal manager Tom Whittaker, whose organisation at Highbury is as solid and powerful as he is—yes, and every bit as friendly, too—has a better idea of the future of floodlight football than anyone else in England.

It was a great disappointment to him that the condition of the pitch ruled out last week's proposed Combination game under lights. Club representatives from all over the country had planned to send observers of what would have been the first competitive football by floodlight in England.

## Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 25.  
The following were the results of football matches played today:

### FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea 2 Wolves 1  
Liverpool 0 Aston Villa 0

### SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn 2 Queen's P.R. 1  
Birmingham 1 Brentford 1

### THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Bournemouth 4 Aldershot 0  
Bristol City 0 Colchester U. 2

Millwall 5 Exeter 0  
Newport 1 Norwich 1

Notts Forest 2 Northampton 2

### THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

Aberdeen 2 Hartlepool 0  
Cardiff C. 1 Shrewsbury 0

Chesham 3 New Brighton 1  
York 4 Tranmere 0

### ARSENAL WIN IN BRUSSELS

Arsenal beat the Belgian League club, Anderlecht, 3-2 here tonight after leading 2-1 at half-time.—Associated Press.

### Silver Frame Wins Cheltenham Gold Cup

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, Apr. 25.  
Lord Bicester's Silver Frame, a 6 to 4 favourite, won the coveted Cheltenham Gold Cup after a desperate finish here this afternoon.

The 12-year-old gelding beat the 100 to 8 outsider of the field of six, Greenogue, by a short head in the very last stride. Mighty Fine was two lengths away and the Royal Mount, Manicou, was last.

The queen and Princess Elizabeth came to watch Manicou contest the three miles, two furlongs event but never saw their horse in the running for the first prize.

### RECORD TIME

Manicou jumped quickly throughout and dropped back beaten with a mile still to go. The race was run in the record time of 6 mins. 23-5 secs. in glorious spring sunshine. Flood water had caused its earlier postponement.

With three fences to go, the Yorkshire-trained horse, Lockerie, was in the lead with Greenogue. Mighty Fine, Frodoe and Silver Frame just behind.

Lockerie faded and Silver Frame and Greenogue jumped the last fence almost in line. Silver Frame just inching Greenogue in the last stride to record his ninth victory over the course.

The quick Irish jockey, M. J. O'Brien, rode a brilliant race on the winner.

"I am sorry for the staff," was Mr. Whittaker's first thought. "They had worked so hard to perfect the lighting."

Learning by the experience of the charity game between the boxers and lockers, Arsenal had placed extra lights at each end of the ground to give more illumination round the goals. Now the Arsenal are thinking in terms of matches under lights next October—for nothing can be done now until summer time ends.

### FRIENDLY GAMES

I was amazed that matches with Glasgow Rangers and the Racing Club of Paris are under consideration. The French club have been the first to ask Arsenal for a match in these conditions.

Before the war Arsenal and Rangers met annually in friendly games, one at Ibrox Park, the next at Highbury. It would be good to see these games renewed.

The Racing Club have been trying hard to get the Arsenal to give them a match at Highbury, but the fact is that they are not half the attraction in London that Arsenal are in Paris.

Whereas Racing Club got about double their usual league gate for a match with Arsenal, the last time the Frenchmen came here they attracted less than a third of a normal Highbury League crowd.

There is another point of view. Racing Club must consider if they come here in October and are well beaten, as they are likely to be. That result might spell the interest in Arsenal's usual visit to Paris a month later.

Racing Club are just planning the fitting of lighting equipment at their ground at a cost of about £20,000. The cost is high because their stands lie well back and special masts have to be erected round the pitch to mount the lighting.

### COST £200

Arsenal were lucky in that respect. They had only to fix the lamps along the roof of their stands and the whole installation of about 50 lamps cost only about £200.

Some of Arsenal's matches in Brazil will be played under artificial light.

## PARIS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Paris, Apr. 25.  
Jaroslav Drobný defeated France's Paul Remy, 3-0, 7-5, 6-2, 6-1, in the quarter-finals of the Paris Tennis Championships here today.

In the Men's Doubles quarter-finals, Drobný teamed with the French veteran, Henri Cochet, to beat the Soviet team, Jacques Sangier and Oleg Fluk, 6-2, 6-0, 6-2.—United Press.

# TAX CLAIMS MAY MAKE TURPIN SHY OF ROBINSON

Says GEORGE WHITING

At last there has arrived an opponent of whom Randolph Turpin, the highest explosive in British boxing, is mortally afraid.

It is not Dutchman Jan de Bruin, his opponent at Coventry on May 7. Nor is it Australia's Dave Sands, from whom he will attempt to take the Empire middle-weight title at the White City on June 5. Nor even the mighty Ray Robinson, Champion of the World.

None of these could make Randolph Turpin fight-shy, but the income-tax man could—and does.

If Turpin wins the Empire championship from Sands ("Let me hit him just once; that is all I ask," says Randolph), then the promotional machinery of Jack Solomons will immediately be geared for a world title fight against Robinson. But there are breakers ahead.

## IN LATE SUMMER

Solomons's idea is for the World Championship fight to be held in London in the late summer but any compliance with this plan on the part of Turpin would immediately set the super-tax sleuths on Randolph's trail.

Turpin, already a comparatively rich young man, will be way up in the super-tax brackets after his meetings with de Bruin and Sands. Any further activities in the current financial year would put him in the same predicament that used to worry Bruce Weekock and Freddie Mills—the senseless problem of taking punches for almost the sole benefit of the Inland Revenue.

Mills and Weekock, aided by smart accountants, solved their difficulties legitimately after consultation with the tax-gatherers.

The same kind of compromise is needed for Randolph Turpin if we are to see him fighting for a world title in London in 1951. The physical risks of arguing the point with riotous Robinson are not inducing the slightest loss of sleep in the Turpin household.

Randolph's quietly expressed view is that the mighty Ray has never yet been hit by a middle weight with a real bang in his face. His own hands, he thinks, might be able to make things remarkably interesting for the world champion. I think so, too, provided those hands are really sound.

## WILL TRAIN IN WALES

Turpin, by the way, fancies the idea of turning himself into a holiday attraction for visitors to North Wales this summer. His training for Sands will be undertaken at the "haunted" Gwrych Castle—at Abergelle—where Woodcock packed them in to watch him prepare for that ill-fated battle with Leo Savoldi.

—(London Express Service.)

## European Zone Chess Tourney

Bad Dyrnony (British Zone of Germany), Apr. 24.  
The chess championship of the European zone starts here on Friday with 13 nations taking part.

The five winners will move into the inter-zonal championships to contest the right to meet the winner of the Botvinnik-Bronstein match now being played in Moscow.

The challenge match will be played in 1954. The following players have announced that they will play in the European zone championship:

Golembek (England), Aitken (Scotland), Kramer, Pains and Van Scheidinga (Netherlands), O'Kelly de Galway (Belgium), Doerner (Luxembourg), Rosolimo (France), Pomar (Spain), de Nova (Portugal), Frob (Switzerland), Pagnola (Italy), Gligoric, Matanovic and Pirc (Yugoslavia), Gaitanakis (Greece), Bogoljubov and Unzicker (Western Germany) and Kuebart (Soviet Zone).—Reuter.

## Gardner-Brion Fight Is Postponed

London, Apr. 25.  
Jack Gardner, the British and European Heavyweight Boxing Champion, will not fight Cesar Brion, the Argentine heavyweight, at Harringay on May 22.

Mr. Jack Solomons, the London promoter, said today: "It is no use waiting any longer to make up our minds. Gardner's injured left thumb has not come along as we had hoped, and it is not likely to be ready for May 22."

In the circumstances, John Simpson, Gardner's manager, and I have decided not to risk Jack's hands in an important fight until he is thoroughly fit.

Gardner injured his thumb in training and hurt it again when he beat Jo Weiden, the Austrian, in the European title fight last month.—Reuter.

## Hutton Didn't Make This 11

The fourth Playfair Cricket Annual (Playfair 3s. 6d.) has once again chosen its 11 cricketers of the year, and once more four touring members and themselves honoured. In 1949 it was Hadlee, Donnelly, Sutcliffe and Burt, of New Zealand; this year it is Worrell, Weekes, Ramadhin and Valentine, of the West Indies.

Most striking omission is Len Hutton, acclaimed as world batsman number one. In his place there is a choice of three opening bats—Sheppard, Parkhouse or Laurie Fishlock.

—(London Express Service.)

## BASEBALL

# Shea Hurled Yankees To A 4-0 Triumph

New York, Apr. 25.

Right-hand pitcher Frank Shea, who has been bothered by a sore arm, hurled the New York Yankees to a 4-0 triumph over the Philadelphia Athletics today. The victory was Shea's first in the majors in nearly two years.

The Chicago White Sox out-slugged the St. Louis Browns and won the first game of a double-header, 8-6. Boston were rained out. Cleveland and Detroit were not scheduled.

In the National League, Kenney Heintzelman pitched the Philadelphia Phillies to their third straight victory over the New York Giants, 2-1.

Centerfielder Richie Ashburn and shortstop Granny Hamner drove in the Philly runs. It was the seventh straight loss for the Giants.

Boston at Brooklyn, Chicago at Cincinnati and Pittsburgh at Saint Louis will be played tonight.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York ..... 4 1 2  
Philadelphia ..... 0 4 0

Winning pitcher Frank Shea, loser Alex Kellner, Chicago (1st game) ... 8 1 1  
St. Louis ..... 6 8 1

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia ..... 2 5 0  
New York ..... 1 8 0

Winning pitcher Ken Heintzelman, loser Larry Jansen.—Associated Press.

## Bob Hope Will Try Where Bing Failed

New York, Apr. 24.

Twenty-seven Americans, including the entire Walker Cup team and comedian Bob Hope, have entered the British Amateur golf championship at Causton, Wales, on May 21-26, the U. S. Golf Association announced today.

Six of them also entered the French amateur at Chantilly, France, and three American women filed entries for the women's British championship. Walker Cupper Frank Stranahan, of Toledo, will be the lone American in the British Open. It is strictly a golfing holiday for Bob Hope who will try to better Bing Crosby's record of last year. Crosby won again in the first round—defeated Fred

# Why Not Half Up, Half Down In The Soccer League?

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

Those who hold up their hands in horror about four-up, four-down, would have fifty fits if they knew how much individual support there is for half-up, half-down as a promotion and relegation suggestion.

Discussing the idea with Major Carlo Campbell, Third Division representative to the Football League, and vice-chairman of Brighton, said: "Too revolutionary, but I agree that to try and run a business with the same goods in the window year after year is to court bankruptcy."

Half up, half down would keep interest alive from start to finish. Just study today's league tables to see.

Unless something revolutionary is done Soccer will lose its grip on the public through too many clubs chasing too few prizes over too long a period.

Work it out for yourselves—92 clubs, one championship, promotion for four, plus the Cup for nine months' endeavour.

## STRANGE LANGUAGE

If Cup Final referee, Bill Ling, hears the Newcastle Ladies using strange language at Wembley he mustn't jump to conclusions and start reading the riot act. George Robledo has been teaching his colleagues a sentence or two of Spanish.

When Jack Fairbrother tore off a strip in my hotel room the other morning, I must say it sounded like something publishable under "ungentlemanly conduct."

★ Jim Ward's transfer from Derby to Barnsley was generally regarded as a tremendous surprise, but not by those behind the scenes.

Here's how. Ward toured Canada last summer. Joint manager of that FA team was Joe Richards, of Barnsley. He was so impressed by Jim's deportment both on and off the field that he marked him down as a manager of the future. Elementary, my dear Watson.

## ALL WEIRD

Bryn Elliott, the Southampton wing half-back, is probably unaware that something he did in the match against West Ham may bring about a change of football law.

Bryn threw a long ball down the wing, but it failed to cross the touch line into play. Throw in for West Ham?

That's what everybody thought until the linesman realised the law requires that the ball must be thrown into the playing area.







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| "ANKING"    | Singapore & Penang                    | 5 p.m. 27th Apr. |
| "SHANGKING" | Keelung                               | 5 p.m. 28th Apr. |
| "SHANSHI"   | Tsingtao & Tientsin                   | 5 p.m. 30th Apr. |
| "HUNAN"     | Tsingtao & Tientsin                   | 10 a.m. 1st May  |
| "SOOCHOW"   | Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe | 5 p.m. 1st May   |
| "FENGTIEN"  | Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe        | 5 p.m. 2nd May   |
| "SHANGKING" | Keelung                               | 5 p.m. 4th May   |
| "YCHOW"     | Bangkok                               | 5 p.m. 8th May   |

### ARRIVALS FROM

|             |                     |                  |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| "SHANGKING" | Keelung             | 7 a.m. 27th Apr. |
| "HUNAN"     | Tientsin            | 7 a.m. 27th Apr. |
| "SHANSHI"   | Osaka               | p.m. 28th Apr.   |
| "SOOCHOW"   | Bangkok             | 6 p.m. 28th Apr. |
| "FENGTIEN"  | Indonesia & Bintan  | 28/29th Apr.     |
| "FENGNING"  | Singapore           | 30th Apr.        |
| "POYANG"    | Tientsin & Tsingtao | 5th May          |
| "YCHOW"     | Osaka               | 6th May          |

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| "CHANGSHA"  | Japan                           | 10th May  |
| "TAIYUAN"   | Sydney                          | 22nd May  |

### ARRIVALS FROM

|            |                           |          |
|------------|---------------------------|----------|
| "TAIYUAN"  | Sydney, Brisbane & Manila | In Port  |
| "CHANGSHA" | Australia & Manila        | 13th May |
| "TAIYUAN"  | Japan                     | 20th May |

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|               |                                     |           |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
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| "MYRMIDON"    | Genoa, Casablanca, Holland & London | 9th May   |
| "MARON"       | Liverpool & Glasgow                 | 11th May  |
| "BELLEROPHON" | Dublin & Liverpool                  | 25th May  |

Scheduled sailings from Europe

| Ships            | Sails     | Arrives   |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| S. "BELLEROPHON" | Liverpool | 21st Mar. |
| S. "MARON"       | 31st Mar. | 9th May   |
| S. "ANTIOCHUS"   | 5th Apr.  | 9th May   |
| S. "PYRRHUS"     | 13th Apr. | 18th Apr. |
| S. "AUTOLYCUS"   | 25th Apr. | 30th May  |
| S. "MENTOR"      | 28th Apr. | 2nd June  |
| S. "CLYTONEUS"   | 4th May   | 8th June  |
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| SHIPS         | FROM               | DUE                |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| "BENAVON"     | U.K. via Singapore | 30th Apr.          |
| "BENALBANACH" | do                 | on or abt. 2nd May |
| "BENVENUE"    | do                 | 10th May           |
| "BENLAVERS"   | do                 | 30th May           |
| "BENCROACHAN" | do                 | 6th June           |

### SAILINGS Loading on or abt.

|               |                                      |           |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| "BENAVON"     | London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull    | 3rd May   |
| "BENALBANACH" | Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya & Otaru       | 5th May   |
| "BENVENUE"    | Liverpool, Dublin & Rotterdam        | 14th May  |
| "BENLAVERS"   | London, Antwerp & Rotterdam          | 2nd June  |
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The Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st May to the 17th May, 1951, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Hongkong, 26th April, 1951.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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## U.S. Exports To Russia

Washington, Apr. 25. The Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, William Thompson, told Congress that United States exports to Russia amounted to less than \$1,000,000 last year, and had been virtually wiped out to her satellites. Mr. Thompson's testimony during the recent closed hearing of the House Appropriations Committee was made public today. Exports from the United States to all satellite countries were approximately \$25,000,000. The United States imported from Russia about \$40,000,000 worth of goods during the same period, and about \$30,000,000 worth "if you bring the satellites in." Mr. Thompson said: "Our problem has become essentially a problem of ineffectiveness of United States action without action by other countries which are sources of supply to the Soviet Union."—United Press.

## The Gaekwar Explains

New Delhi, Apr. 25. The Gaekwar of Baroda today met President Rajendra Prasad to explain his "innocence" of the charges made by the Government of India against him leading to his deposition on April 12, Palace sources said tonight. Previously this week he met Premier Nehru and Minister of States N. G. Ayangar. The Gaekwar submitted a memorandum to the President on April 19 demanding that his case be reopened and denying the charges that he plotted with the Princes of the Indian States to get back their lost authority.—Associated Press.

## Paris Denial

Paris, Apr. 25. A French Foreign Office spokesman today denied a report by an American news agency that France had delayed the publication of a communiqué listing the American bases now being established in France. He said that the Brussels and the Atlantic Pact both provide for participating countries stationing troops outside their own territories.—Reuter.

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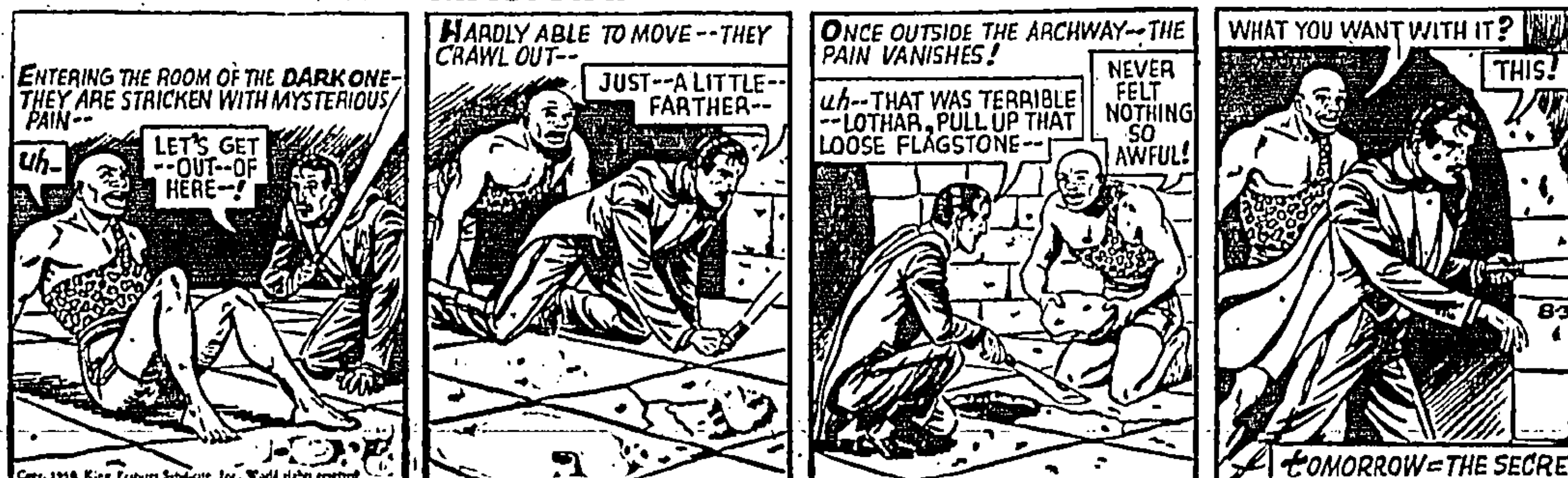
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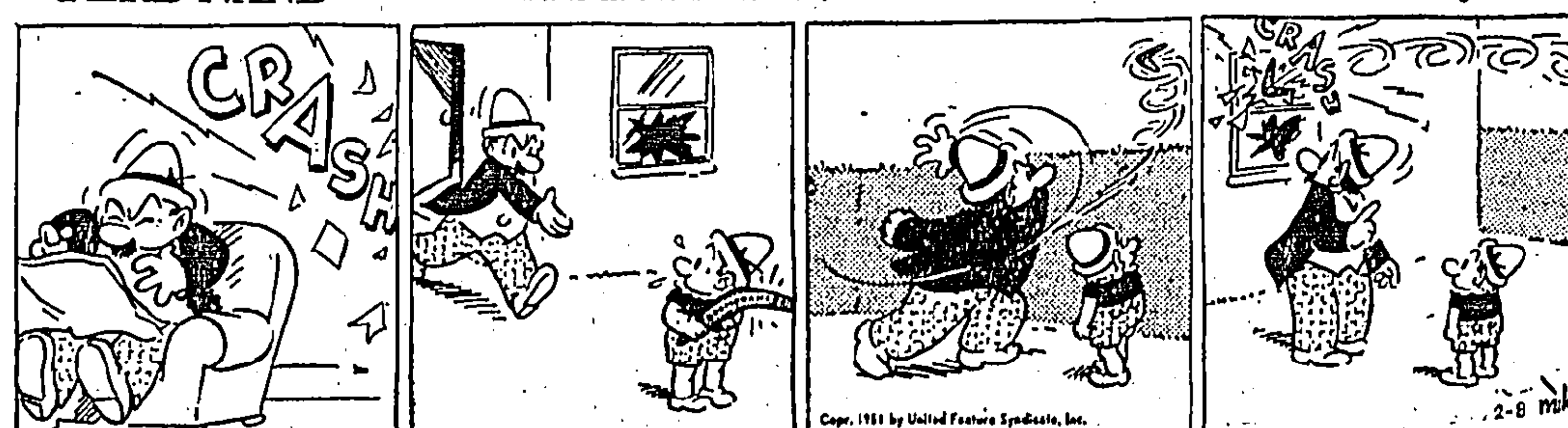
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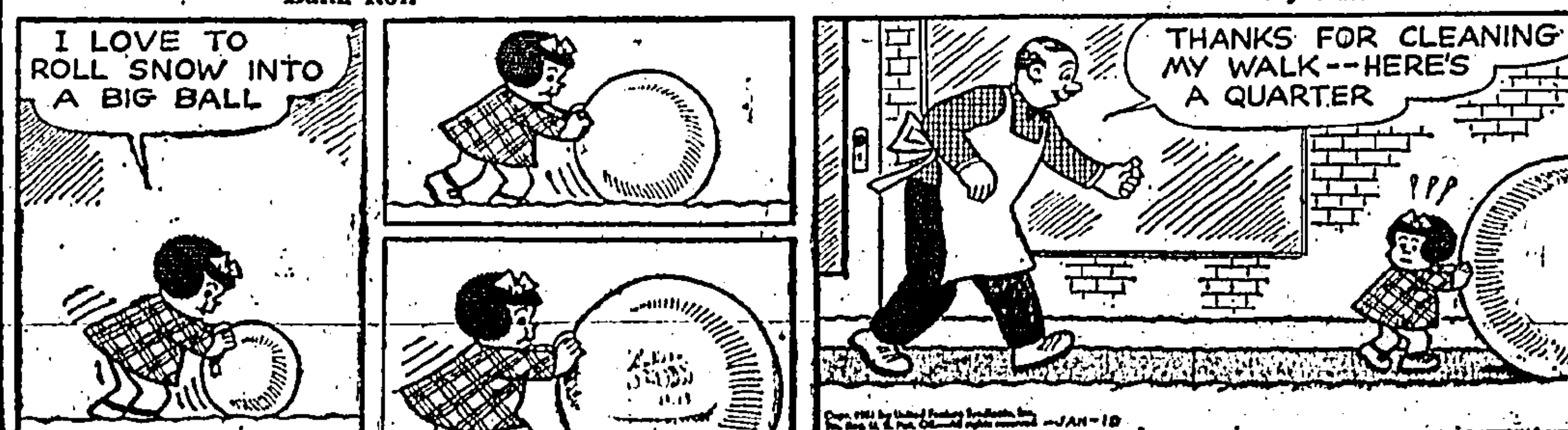
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## Scheme For Meat Trade

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## "IKE" Watches Manoeuvres

Udine, Apr. 25. General Dwight E. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Atlantic forces, today watched crack troops of Italy's "Alpine Brigade" in mountain exercises at the Pramello area in Italy's defences at the gateway of Yugoslavia and Eastern Europe. The exercises, lasting 45 minutes, included old patrols and rock climbing.—Reuter.

## RUSSIAN OFFER

Tehran, Apr. 25. Soviet Ambassador Gushchikov today offered Iran a gift of 100 tons of insecticides and 500 tons of poisoned bran to combat the scourge of locusts which descended upon crops here. The Soviet diplomat made the offer to Acting Foreign Minister Ghadiri, at the time he offered similar gifts made recently by Britain and the United States.—United Press.



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## ARRIVALS

"LES GLIERES" from Europe 1st May

## SAILINGS

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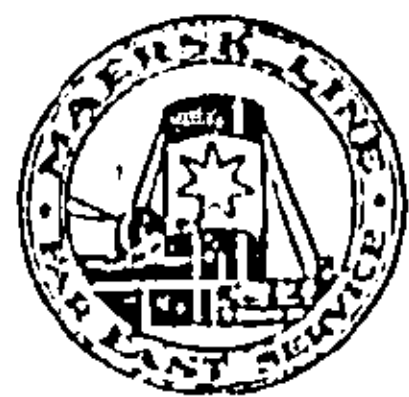
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Norwegian shipping now totals 5,510,000 gross tons, compared with 4,800,000 tons in 1939, a shipping survey shows. Although larger in gross tons, the present fleet has many ships in the older age groups. In addition too many other ships were built in World War II and are less efficient and economical than their age would indicate because they have received abnormal wear and tear.

The new tonnage, four-fifths of it tankers, will replace to a large extent older ships slated for the scrap yard and will not increase the fleet much beyond the tonnage of 1939. The ratio of tankers to cargo ships will be changed, however, according to the survey. In 1939, about 40 per cent of the tonnage of Norway was in tankers and the rest in cargo ships. As of January this year the ratio was tankers, 45.2 per cent, and cargo ships, 54.8 per cent. The gap between the two types will be closed further by the new construction programme.

Of Norway's fleet 91.9 per cent is ocean-going and only a very small fraction of this shipping ever touches a home port, according to the survey. Ninety-five per cent of her tankers operate only between foreign ports, as do 85 per cent of her vessels in tramp trade. Of vessels in liner service only 45 per cent touch a home port.

Truman To  
Ask Price  
Ceilings

Washington, Apr. 25.

President Truman will send to Congress on Thursday a request for authority to put ceiling prices on farm products and foods. Congress members said it will call for a kind of "freeze" on farm parity prices. Informants said the President's message will also ask:

1. Suspend rent controls, including controls on rents for commercial property.

2. Subsidies on some imports, including coffee. (This would mean Government payment of part of the cost in order to hold down the price of coffee to consumers.)

3. Probably still more restrictions on credit—Associated Press.

## Exchanges In NY

New York, Apr. 25.

Closing foreign exchange: Canada 82.59, Switzerland 25.18, Netherlands 25.18, Others unchanged—Associated Press.

Share Advance  
Wiped Out

London, Apr. 25.

Early gains in most sections of the London Stock Exchange were wiped out at the close of an irregular session today.

British Government bonds wound up with small losses after a moderate advance in the morning. Fractional declines were also in the majority in the industrial list.

Oils and copper, however, were firm throughout the day. The Financial Times Index: 131.1—Associated Press.

INDIAN  
TRADE WITH  
RED CHINA

New Delhi, Apr. 25.

India's exports to Communist China during 1950 exceeded her imports by 19,000,000 rupees, Commerce Minister H. K. Mahabub told Parliament.

Mr. Mahabub said India's exports to the Chinese Reds, valued at 24,000,000 rupees, included chemicals, shellac, and rubber products. Imports, totalling 5,000,000 rupees, included medicine, camphor, machinery, cotton and raw silk.

Mr. Mahabub also told Parliament that during the 10 months ending last January, India's trade with Japan totalled 130,800,000 rupees.

He added that during that period India imported more than she exported to Japan, because of a policy on imports of capital goods and industrial raw materials.

He said India's exports to Japan consisted mostly of raw cotton, raw jute and castor seeds—Associated Press.

Firm Market  
In Cotton

New York, Apr. 25.

Cotton futures active and firm supported by trade buying and replacement demand in new crop months. Futures closed unchanged to 55-cents-a-bale higher.

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| May          | 45.39         |
| July         | 45.17         |
| October      | 39.96-39.97   |
| December     | 39.48         |
| March        | 39.35 bid     |
| May          | 39.17         |
| July         | 37.70 bid     |
| October      | 36.80 bid     |
| Midling Spot | 46.00 nominal |

## NEW ORLEANS MARKET

New Orleans, Apr. 25.

Cotton futures closed unchanged to 70-cents-a-bale higher.

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| May         | 45.39 bid     |
| July        | 45.05         |
| October     | 39.95         |
| December    | 39.35-39.36   |
| March       | 39.35 bid     |
| Spot cotton | 46.00 nominal |
| Midling     | 44.91         |

—Associated Press.

The Rubber  
Markets

London, Apr. 25.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Number 1 rubber, in cents | 55 1/2-56 |
| per lb.                   | 55 1/2-56 |
| June                      | 55 1/2-56 |
| July/August               | 54-54 1/2 |
| October/December          | 51 1/2-52 |

## SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, Apr. 25.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Number 1 rubber, per lb. | 101 1/2-102 1/2 |
| April                    | 101 1/2-102 1/2 |
| May                      | 101 1/2-102 1/2 |
| June                     | 101 1/2-102 1/2 |
| Number 2 rubber, April   | 101 1/2-102 1/2 |
| Number 3 rubber, April   | 101 1/2-102 1/2 |
| Spot rubber, unbleached  | 145-148         |
| Black crepe              | 200-210         |
| No. 1 pale crepe         | —United Press.  |

New York Sugar  
Market

New York, Apr. 25.

Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed four to seven higher, July.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| September                     | 5.71 bid                     |
| November                      | 5.73                         |
| Domestic sugar, futures No. 5 | Five closed quiet, no sales. |
| World sugar futures closed    | four to 10 higher.           |
| May                           | 5.83 nominal                 |
| July                          | 5.85 bid                     |
| September                     | 5.85 nominal                 |
| Raw sugar spot                | 5.90 nominal.                |

—Associated Press.

## Pepper Easier

New York, Apr. 25.

The black pepper market remained extremely quiet and slightly easier in tone. On a nominal basis, the market today was quoted at \$1.05-1.06—United Press.

West Again Weighing  
East European Trade

## PROBLEM OF COAL FROM POLAND

Geneva, Apr. 25.

The troublesome question of when and to what extent it is advantageous to trade with your enemies is again under review by the United States and the Western European Governments.

From time to time many American and some Western European officials have almost reached the point at which, in hopes of being able to lead quieter lives, they would be prepared to go along with the political extremists who keep clamoring for complete stoppage of East-West trade.

Almost but not quite — and that is the situation now.

At the moment a practical problem is raised by the embarrassing fact that Western Europe depends on Poland for some 10,000,000 tons of coal annually. Nearly 40 per cent of the coaling coals entering European ports come from that Communist country.

Even with these imports from Poland Western Europe is running a coal deficit on the order of 15,000,000 tons yearly. To keep the machines running, not to mention keeping houses warm, the region will have to import heavily from the United States.

But, how much in terms of dollars, goods the Poles would not otherwise get and other economic factors is the Polish coal worth?

If the Polish coal were not coming across there would be another 10,000,000 tons added to the Western European deficit. Polish coal has to be paid for either in dollars (the Poles have not taken to using Moscow's new gold ruble yet for pricing their coal) or in goods.

**BARGAINING WEAPON**  
There is no doubt that by using coal as a bargaining weapon Poland is able to push serious holes in the barriers the West has tried to build up against exports of strategic goods and materials to Eastern Europe. But Polish coal can be paid for in goods while United States coal for practical purposes cannot.

If the United States had to make up that 10,000,000-ton deficit it is safe to bet the United States would also have to put up \$250,000,000 for Western Europe to pay for it.

All these factors enter into the problem the West has to face. The Poles are still "laying their coal on the table" as Geneva to the committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. These recommendations are almost invariably accepted both by the Poles and by the importing countries' governments.

**RUSSIANS OBJECT**  
Because coal is so scarce, some United States officials would like to have it allocated by some authority over its members—perhaps some group organized under the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. But nobody is naive enough to think the Poles would bring their coal to such a body for allocation.

According to Western sources there is no doubt that every time the Poles work out their export programme there is trouble in Warsaw between the Poles and the Russians.

The Russians have not stopped the Poles from exporting westward because the Poles (and the Eastern bloc) thus earn dollars. But the Russians do not like to see Polish coal stoking the furnaces of Western factories any more than the United States likes to see Western European machinery making Russian cannons.

Japanese Bonds  
In London

London, Apr. 25.

Japanese bonds "A" (4s. of 1939) 41  
"B" (4s. of 1940) 41  
"C" (4s. of 1941) 41  
"D" (4s. of 1942) 41  
"E" (4s. of 1943) 41  
Consols 40 1/2

## New York, Apr. 25.

Japanese issues declined in the foreign dollar section of the bond market.

Ujiyama Electric Power 7s dropped 2-1/2 points and Yokohama 6s lost two points. Other Japanese issues were irregularly lower. — Associated Press.

COPPER DUTY  
SUSPENSION

Washington, Apr. 25.

The Senate today approved, with amendments, a House-approved bill to suspend the import duty on copper under certain conditions.

Suspension of the tariff of two cents a pound, has been urged by the Department of Defense and other Government agencies to help bring in more foreign copper. The U.S. produces only about 25 percent of its needs. — Associated Press.

HONGKONG  
SHARE  
MARKET

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning totalled \$253,047. Noon prices and the morning's transactions:

| SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| BANKS                       |                            |
| HSBC                        | 1380 1410                  |
| East Asia                   | 301                        |
| INSURANCES                  |                            |
| Canton                      | 230 250                    |
| Union                       | 240                        |
| IKK Fire                    | 100 g 135                  |
| SHIPPING                    |                            |
| Asiatic                     | 55c                        |
| DOCKS, ETC.                 |                            |
| N. P. Wharf                 | 5.10                       |
| Quek                        | 12 1/2                     |
| Provident                   | 10 1/2 500 @ 10            |
| Wholesale                   | 23 1/2                     |
| UTILITIES                   |                            |
| HK Land                     | 39 1/2 40 1/2 600 @ 39 1/2 |
| Shui Land                   | 1.05                       |
| Tram                        | 11.40                      |
| Star Ferry                  | 400 @ 70                   |
| C. Light (O)                | 5.10                       |
| C. Light (N)                | 3.45                       |
| C. Light (B)                | 5.75                       |
| Dairy                       | 23 23 1/2 100 @ 12         |
| Telephone                   | 3000 @ 10 1/2              |
| INDUSTRIALS                 |                            |
| Cement                      | 10 10 1/2                  |
| Rope                        | 12                         |
| STOCKS, ETC.                |                            |
| Wong                        | 11 1/2 12 1/2 100 @ 12     |
| Watson                      | 17 1/2                     |
| Crawford                    | 25 1/2                     |
| Wong                        | 2.50                       |

TIN MARKET  
EASIER

London, Apr. 25.

The tin market turned easier today. Turnover was 140 tons, including 55 tons for cash.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Spot tin, buyers         | 1.155       |
| Spot tin, sellers        | 1.165       |
| Business done at         | 1.170-1.180 |
| Three-month tin, buyers  | 1.145       |
| Three-month tin, sellers | 1.150       |
| Business done at         | 1.155-1.160 |
| Settlement               | 1.160       |

—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Sterling note (per £1)       | 13.68 |
| U.S. dollars (per \$1)       | 6.12  |
| Indonesia guilders (per 100) | 3.50  |
| Siam ticals (per 100)        | 26.50 |
| Singapore dollars (per 100)  | 17.70 |
| FIC plasiras (per 100)       | 13.90 |

—Associated Press.

British Newsprint  
Shortage: Hope  
Of Alleviation

London, Apr. 25.

Britain may this summer begin to make newsprint and paper by a new process which uses raw materials now discarded as waste, Mr. W. T. Curtis-Willson, President of the Newspaper Society, disclosed here last night.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Society—which represents the proprietors of provincial newspapers—Mr. Curtis-Willson disclosed the difficulties caused by the shortage of newsprint and its rising price.

"This summer we shall have in this country the beginning of a new source of supply of pulp, from which we shall make newsprint," Mr. Curtis-Willson declared.

"It will not be an avalanche. It will only be a trickle. Behind it are tremendously powerful concerns. And if, as I firmly believe, this trickle of pulp proves that we can make newsprint from raw materials at present untapped, we shall have embarked upon a new era for our newspapers."

Mr. Curtis-Willson said: "This is a tremendous achievement. We are really going to use raw materials in the world that are at present going to waste."

"There are millions of tons of these unused raw materials which I hope we are going to bring into the field of news-

R. I. L.  
ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

## SINGAPORE JAVA

PORT and

MACASSAR

"TITJALENGKA" 29th Apr.

"TABMAN" 4th May

"TITWANGI" 11th May

"VAN HEUTSZ" 20th May

ARRIVALS

SAILINGS

1st May

17th May

Early July

9th May

19th May

16th May

21st May

Agents: HOLLAND EAST ASIA LINE

## EUROPE via MANILA

and MALAYA

"LANGLESCOT" In Port

"ARENSKERR" 19th May

Not calling at Manila

Through B/L issued to

Mediterranean and Northern

European Ports.

JAPAN

"LANGLESCOT" 18th May

"ARENSKERR" Mid. June

via Manila.

ARRIVALS

SAILINGS

27th Apr.

24th May

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